

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 116
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elaine Callis upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Miller Boyd Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Elaine Callis is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Callis has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year for Miller Boyd Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. Callis will now compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to proceed to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity at Miller Boyd as a behavior modification teacher for grades K-5, Elaine Callis holds a Bachelor of Science degree and has completed ELL graduate work at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Callis has been a teacher in Hamblen County since 1999, and before joining the Miller Boyd staff she served as resource teacher at Witt and East Ridge schools; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Callis is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, at Miller Boyd Elementary School, Ms. Callis serves as a member of the Hamblen County Attendance Review Board and the Witt Social Committee. Even with her many involvements, Ms. Elaine Callis still finds time to be a member of such noteworthy organizations as HCEA, NEA, and TEA; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional professional has previously served as a teacher in the Greenfield (Ind.) Central School System, where she taught special education for mildly impaired mentally handicapped and homebound students after school; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Callis truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her talents are not limited to the classroom, as this remarkable woman is actively involved in her community through her participation in Sunday School and Bible School teaching, PTO, and numerous other school activities; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Elaine Callis should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Elaine Callis on being chosen as Miller Boyd Elementary School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.